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Sitting with Santa



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Jack Whillier, from Rose Seaton Public School's nursery program, was the first to meet Santa Claus and his elf Brittny when they toured the local school on Wednesday.



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Still looking for CAO

► Council decides to send hiring firm back into the market

Kris Dubé
Editor

Mayor Doug Martin says he no longer wants to be on the panel that was formed to be a part of the process in recruiting a new chief administrative officer.

A closed session meeting was held on Monday evening to make progress on filling the top staff position at Town Hall, but none was made.

After narrowing down their sights on an out-of-town candidate earlier this year, since then this individual has chosen not to accept the position.

Instead of moving on to the next qualified candidate, council has decided to send the hiring firm back into the market earlier this year, back to work. Martin's frustration comes from his opinion that Ron Tripp, who has in this position since August 2011, is fully capable.

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Local Salvation Army's Christmas kettle goal is \$43,000

▶ Donations have been healthy but they still need to keep coming

Everyone can sacrifice a little at the kettles."

— Family and Children's Services manager Elliott Innes

Christmas Kettle volunteers can be found at various establishments around town.

Family and children's services manager for the Fort Erie Salvation Army, Elliott Innes, says this

year's campaign has been successful, but there is still a massive need in the community.

"We're doing really healthy, but unfortunately the town is unhealthy," he said.

Innes said the kettle campaign is something that anyone can donate to. Large donations in the hundreds of dollars range are always appreciated, but the small ones mean a lot too.

"Everyone can sacrifice a little at the kettles," said Innes.

The goal for the campaign this season is \$43,000.

To donate online, visit www.salvationarmy.ca

Kris Dubé
Editor

The Salvation Army is a busy place this time of year.

Its partnership with the Fort Erie Kinsmen Club for the annual Gift of Love campaign will provide gifts to 265 local families and late this week, volunteers began distributing the hampers to the recipients.

Beyond the Salvation Army's building on Gilmore Road, several

Young trio arrested for break and enter

Niagara Regional Police have arrested three people following a Dec. 8 break and enter on Kraft Rd.

Charged with break,

enter and commit theft are Christopher Archambault, 18, of Fort Erie, and two youths who cannot be named under

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our editorial

Check out Surfing Santa this Sunday

Looking for something to do with the family this Sunday morning?

Why not see Fort Erie native John Fulton dress up in a Santa costume and attempt to windsurf along the Niagara River and part of Lake Erie.

In its 28th year, Surfing Santa has become a local tradition, but in recent years, although he does receive quite a bit of media attention, there is never really too many people spectating nearby.

On Sunday morning, in front of the Old Fort on Lakeshore Road, Santa will be flown in by Niagara helicopters before hitting the water for his annual event, which raises

money for homelessness.

It's a great spectacle and the kids will love it.

Fulton will be arriving on scene around 9 a.m. before heading further down the Parkway to surf the Niagara River.

-Kris Dubé

nice.

Instead, I will be sharing my opinion on town council's inability to hire a chief administrative officer.

Why has it been taking so long, over a year and a half?

I'm not really sure, since all of the discussion has taken place in closed session.

My summary of the situation is that it is a competition of egos on council and no longer a process that involves cal-

culating all the data and information needed to make a sound judgment.

Ron Tripp has been in this position since he took over on an interim basis, after Harry Schlange left to take a new job in the Ottawa area.

As far as I know, he hasn't made any glaring mistakes that would be good reason to overlook him for a second time to become the Town's chief administrative officer on a full-time basis.



Do You Remember?

Our thanks to Eleanor Cordiner and her daughter Shelley (Enns) Magnus who called in about last week's photo which was taken at Leo's Restaurant in Fort Erie. Shelley Enns was presenting a bouquet of roses to Mrs. F.M. Jeffe at the annual Christmas party for

Pierce and Stevens Canada held in 1970. Eleanor, also a Pierce and Stevens employee, tells us that the event marked the retirement of Mr. F.M. Jeffe who had served as president of the firm for 37 years.

This week's photo shows beautiful children gathered

around a Christmas tree waiting to receive presents. The date on the back is December 1981.

If you know any of the people in the photo or where it was taken, please call the Museum at 944-5322 or e-mail museum@forterie.on.ca.

Council creating a school playground atmosphere



Kris Dubé
Editor's Notebok

I was expecting this week's column would involve some kind of Christmas related theme... something fluffy and

In my opinion, council has become so divided, more than it ever has been because of this issue and a few others.

I remember being a child on the school playground and there was divide between my entire grade over two girls.

Anyone who had a crush on Lisa gathered and socialized on one side of the swing set and everyone else who liked a girl named Shannon stayed on the other side.

Both groups of young

boys glared at each other and called each other names from either side of the playground.

The current behaviour on council takes me back to that time.

Mayor Doug Martin has become so frustrated with his council's inability to officially select a candidate, that he has decided to take his ball and go home.

It's come to the point that members of council disagree with one another for the sake of being in

opposition to each other's opinions and not because they feel like they are doing the right thing.

This council has made hardly any progress on anything since it was formed in 2010 and I really hope that changes and personal differences can be cast aside.

If you would like to to me feedback, call me at (905) 871-3100 ext. 207 or send me an email to kris.dube@sunmedia.ca.

opinion page

Food bank very appreciate of all the local support

Dear Editor,

Community Outreach Program Erie (COPE) is so thankful to everyone who continues to support our programs.

The primary program of COPE is to provide emergency food for several hundred people each month.

Secondary programs include the distribution of donated small household

items and clothing; making referrals to other agencies; providing brochures and information covering a wide variety of topics.

As always, our services are available to anyone

within Greater Fort Erie.

Next month, January 2013, will mark COPE's 30th anniversary. We thank everyone who has helped in any way during the past 30 years to ensure that our ser-

Wing turbines have too many negative impacts

Dear Editor,

We have all read of the apparent endemic corruption in modern government that wastes our tax dollars with little or no benefit to the tax payer. The Ontario provincial government's E-health and Orange scandal are just two recent examples, both of which were only possible because of collusion between government and those agencies supposedly responsible for implementing these government policies.

The most recent example of such collusion, only disclosed because the Ministry of the Environment were forced to disclose 26 pages of a 300+ pages confidential report under the Freedom of Information Act, concerns the Green Energy Act and Ontario's Industrial Wind Energy Industry.

A growing number of reports from many countries and governments worldwide, not only question the actual long term benefits of wind energy both economically and

environmentally but also recognize there are now too many reports of negative health and economic impacts on individuals and families to continue to ignore the now proven and very real negative effects. IWTs cause our rural communities.

The Green Energy Act was written from reports submitted by the Ontario wind energy companies based on their own chosen parameters and ignoring any and all updated information that did not suit them.

Based on the above, and a single quote by Ontario's most senior public health official, the provinces Chief Medical Office of Health, the provincial government, its Ministers and their staff, in collusion with the Ontario wind energy companies have knowingly and wilfully lied about the harm they have perpetrated against the rural citizens of Ontario.

They continue to permit these Industrial projects to be approved and built based on the fact that they will not harm the community.

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The recent release of reports by the MoE admits that rather than "isolated complaints" they have received hundreds if not thousands of such complaints dating back to 2006, three years before the Green Energy Act was even implemented, yet it was still imposed by the majority government.

And now, even though the government responsible has lost all credibility for their green energy agenda their ministries condone the lies by continuing to approve projects and even fund the wind energy companies with the tax dollars of the citizens they are knowingly harming.

Even worse, rather than research or questioning this continuing agenda

there appears to be no part of the Ontario media with the courage to directly confront these lies and protect the public good.

Andrew Watts
Wainfleet

voices have been available to our most vulnerable community members, people who don't know where else to turn to.

Your donations during

the Christmas season, and throughout the entire year are most appreciated. Happily, the penny drive continues strong, and more than \$5,500, has been raised to date through this project. We are thankful for all of the generous food and financial donations to COPE.

Charitable receipts are issued for all financial gifts to COPE.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. We look forward to continuing our work through the coming year.

Barb Volzke
COPE

Take the Times



Last week, Joe, Sebastian and Danielle brought the Times to Prague, Czech Republic last week. Please send your Take the Times photos to kris.dube@summedia.ca.

Best Wishes this holiday season

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Ice Boom installed in Niagara River



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The Niagara River Ice Boom being installed earlier this week

Placement of the 22 spans of the Lake Erie-Niagara River Ice Boom has begun.

Each winter since 1964, the Lake Erie-Niagara River Ice Boom has been installed near the outlet of Lake Erie to facilitate the formation of the ice cover and to reduce the amount of ice entering the Niagara River. As a result of the boom, ice jams in the river and damage to shoreline property has been minimized while water flow for hydro-electric power production has been maintained.

Use of the ice boom is authorized by the International Joint

Commission.

Ownership as well as the cost of operating and maintaining the boom is shared equally by the New York Power Authority and Ontario Power Generation.

Installation, operation and removal of the boom is done by the New York Power Authority and monitored on behalf of the International Joint Commission by its International Niagara Board of Control.

Under the Commission's 1999 Supplementary Order of Approval, placement of the spans may begin when the Lake Erie water temperature at Buffalo reaches four degrees Celsius or on Dec. 16, whichever comes first.

The temperature of the water early this week, was 5.6 degrees Celsius.

Given the lake's water temperature and that December 16 falls on a Sunday this year, installation of the ice boom started on December 17.

Complete span installation usually takes two to three days under favorable conditions.

The 2.7-kilometre (1.7 mile) long boom is installed at the outlet of Lake Erie, at the entrance to the Niagara River, to strengthen the natural ice arch that forms almost every year. The ice boom has substantially reduced the severity, number and duration of ice runs from Lake Erie into the Niagara River.

The boom extends from the outer breakwater at Buffalo Harbor almost to the Canadian shore at a position about 3.2 kilometres (two miles) upstream from the Peace Bridge. Each of the boom's 22 spans consist of a series of ten or 11 floating steel pontoons anchored to the lake bottom at 122 metres (400 foot) intervals by 6.4 centimetre (2 1/2 inch) diameter poles. Each pontoon is 76 centimetres (30 inches) in diameter and 9 metres (30 feet) long.

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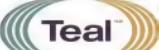
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Food drive



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Excited about donating



Students at General Vanier Public School were more than excited to donate a collection of food and toys to the Fort Erie Kinettes last week, that were then taken to the local Salvation Army.

'We are still doing everything,' says Thibert

In the meantime, we have filed everything we need to do to be considered for the panel."

Thibert acknowledged the whole process can be confusing for people. A lot of that, he said, is because there are several

groups, organizations and government involved.

"Sometimes, people look at the track and think race day is all there is to it. We are still doing everything we can possibly do (to save the track)."

Singing along

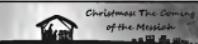


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Bouquet to those who helped

A bouquet of sincere thanks to the three young people who came to my aid when I fell outside of the church in Snyder. I have a large lump on my head and several stitches on my finger. Their care and efficiency is much appreciated. Many thanks also for the kindness shown to me by the doctor and nurses on duty in the local urgent care.

Brick to stubborn new neighbours

This is a brick to the people who just recently moved next door to my mother, who is a cancer patient. She had to attend a doctor's appointment recently and when she politely hard work and dedication.

asked her new neighbour to move their car, they for some reason refused to do so. That's a terrible attitude to display to a person to make a first impression. It's also an awful way to treat someone at Christmas time.

Bouquet to local agencies

I'd like to send a huger bouquet to the local Salvation Army, St. Vincent De Paul and Community Outreach Program Erie for all the hard work and extra hours they put in during the holiday season, helping those who are less fortunate. Families certainly are fortunate to have agencies like these to receive services from... that's for sure.

Brick to young punks

This is a brick that we see printed way too often and it's unfortunate. One needs to be thrown in the direction of the wave of young criminals that seems to be forming in Fort Erie. They break into homes and cars, carry concealed weapons and seem to have no regard of what it's like to act like a normal human being who earns money like everyone else...
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Jen Prisniak and Ed Smith from CSN Niagara Tech Centre, donating \$1,000 worth of food to Mandy Crosby from Community Outreach Program Erie on Friday. The local business would also like to thank Jesse and Kelly's No Frills for selling the food at cost.

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Joe Morig and Winston Woehl of the Fort Erie Senior Citizens Club 96 made a donation of \$1,000 to Meals on Wheels, accepted by executive director Nancy Ryan.



Craig and Mathieu Vanderkley accepting a donation from Fort Erie Secondary School staff members and principal Helena Tritchew.

High school donates to local cause

Kris Dubé
Editor

Every little bit helps.

In the last year, Alivia's Rainbows has raised over \$50,000 for its cause, which supports Niagara families who have to make frequent trips to the pediatric oncology ward at McMaster's Children's Hospital.

Recently, the local charity received a \$616 donation from Fort Erie Secondary School, raised by over 20 male staff members who grew moustaches for "Movember."

The group was started by Craig and Chantal Vanderkley, whose daughter Alivia lost a courageous battle with neuroblastoma cancer in March 2010.

Since then, the couple

have carried her name through Alivia's Rainbows.

Last February, the community came together and over \$33,000 was raised in one evening.

About \$17,000 has been raised by smaller donations like the one presented by the local high school's staff.

"We're very grateful and

thankful for this support," said Craig Vanderkley.

The charity provides support for families on a case-by-case basis and helps with traveling costs and other expenses that may arise during such a difficult time.

For more information, visit www.aliviaskrainbows.com.

Santas provide a fresh visit with Meals on Wheels

Kris Dubé
Editor

For some of Fort Erie Meals on Wheels' clients, the holiday season can be a lonely time of year.

That's why the local agency, since 1999, takes one day a year to make their daily drop-off extra special, with a visit from Santa Claus.

On Monday, leaving from the Gilmore Lodge, where Meals on Wheels prepares its hot dishes, a handful of St. Nicks dressed in full gear, headed out into the community to make several routes in Greater Fort Erie.



It's great to see their smiles. For many of our clients, we're the only people they see."

— Nancy Ryan

they see," she said.

Ryan said the organization is seeing more clients who need services on a temporary or respite basis. Whether it's a minor hip injury or medical condition that has them feeling down for a while, or a senior who lives with their children who are away on vacation... there are many reasons Meals on Wheels can help.

"It's whatever the need is," she said.

Ryan said the agency is always in need of volunteers. When she started as executive director in 1999, there were 225 volunteers and today they only have

155.

She feels this is caused by people being highly selective when they decide who they want to donate time to and that many long-standing volunteers are getting older, some of them transitioning into clients of the organization.

Therefore, fresh faces are needed.

"It's hard to get younger volunteers to replace that pool," she said.

On Monday, the Fort Erie Senior Citizens Club 96 stopped by to make a \$1,000 donation.

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Nelly Weaver and Laura Baptiste at last year's Polar Bear Dip and Chili Cook-off at the Bertie Boat Club.



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Polar Bears get ready for annual dip

Melissa Mangelsen
Fort Erie Times

king or queen," he said.

In addition to the 50 people who took the plunge last year, he said about 200 people came out to watch and it's a great family event. Those who attend are encouraged to bring a non-perishable donation for donation to COPE and the Food Bank at Crystal Beach.

For those brave enough to enter the waters three times they will receive a certificate that can be displayed on their walls for bragging rights.

Polar Bears are getting ready to take their annual Polar Bear Dip, Jan. 5 from 11 to 3. Each year about 50 people brave the icy waters for bragging rights.

Organizer Phil Smith said that this would be the year for first-timers to come down and give it a go.

"It's going to be pretty balmy for this time of year. It's supposed to be really mild, so this would be the best time for your first dip," he said.

The event,

which is put on by the Crystal Beach BIA and the Bertie Boat Club, also has a chili contest, which is open to everyone, not just restaurant owners.

The Ridgeway Legion will be back this year again defending their title from last year. We get a lot of participation in this, people want to be Fort Erie's chili

annual to show that there are things happening in Crystal Beach all year round.

"Our goal is to highlight the community, and not only provide events for the locals, but to also draw outside people in as well," said Smith.

For people interested in entering the chili contest contact Goran Majkovic at 905-687-2498.



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by Kristen Miller, MCLAS
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Challenge pays off



One hundred dollars of fresh food and other groceries were dropped off this past Tuesday, after a community challenge made by local fitness expert Rebecca Parton. Another \$100 will be dropped off this week. Many people did take advantage of her half price training- health consults and there is still time to do so, until the end of the month. The purchased sessions can be used in the New year. Although she chooses to do this challenge during the holiday season, we need to remember that COPE needs our support year round, she said. Parton of Rebecca Gets U Fit would like to thank everyone in Fort Erie for the support of this December challenge.

Gathering the goods



KRIS DUBE Fort Erie Times

On Friday, members of the Ridgeway-Crystal Beach Kinsmen Club, Canadian Recruitment Centre, Rich Products and the Fort Erie Kinettes gathered to load up enough food to feed 50 families at Christmas, from No Frills. This is part of the Ridgeway-Crystal Beach Kinsmen's Gift of Christmas campaign, that also collected a number of toys to be put under the tree for needy children in Greater Fort Erie.

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RODWAY, Anthony E. - (Tony) Margaret and the families of the late Tony Rodway wish to convey our sincere gratitude and appreciation to all our friends and family members for their outpouring of love and support and kindness in the loss of our dear Husband and Father. We are so grateful for the beautiful floral tributes, messages of condolence, telephone calls, gifts of condiments, well wishes, which made life a much more bearable in our time of sorrow. Special thanks to Dr. Cho for his wonderful care of Tony, and to Pat Eberly for her tender treatment. We wish to thank personally all of Tony's wonderful PSW's who became upon him the love and dignity he so richly deserved. Krista, Tammy, Marlene, Linda, Tanya, Catherine, Louella and Ann Marie (Apologies if I missed anyone). Thanks to the Palliative care nurses from St. John's and the family care nurses from St. John's and the Elkhorn. Thanks to Rev. Dan Bennett for conducting such a wonderful service, to Sarah for her beautiful music, Peggy Heckman for her singing, George Gairivin for his Eulogy and Rev. Jim Coughlin, Rev. Mark Dorrington for their thoughtful readings. Jim for his wonderful Bagpipe rendering. A special thank you to the Pall Bearers, Ed Smith, Anna Driepman, Roy Browning, Troy Rodway, Brian, Brianne, and Brandi Rodway. The luncheon following the service was beautifully done by Bridgewater Country Club, thank you Rocco, and finally a huge thank you to Darren Flagg of Bener Funeral Services for the wonderful way he handled all the details leaving nothing to chance.

Sincerely,
Margaret Rodway, Sue and Roy Browning,
Troy Rodway, Nick and Brandi Rodway

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LYNCH, Martha - Martha passed away unexpectedly at the Greater Niagara General Hospital on Sunday December 16th, 2012 at the age of 79. Proud mother of the late Richard (Buster) Lynch (Arthur Sheedwich), Margaret Lynch, Valerie Cleaveau (Marc) and Marilyn Blais (Mike). Sadly missed by her grandchildren, Robert, Melinda, Amber, Christopher, Brianne, Bryan, Brianne, Sydney, Anna, Kimbra, Brianne, Nicholas, Michael and Nathan as well as 7 great grandchildren. Also survived by William Lynch, her brothers and sisters, her extended family and many friends. Predeceased by her son, Richard (Kerry) Lynch and her grandson Hunter. A long-time member of Bethel Pentecostal Assembly Martha will be remembered as a loving and giving person dedicated to her family and to the Lord. **BENNET FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1055 Bloor Ave., Fort Erie, entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Wednesday from 2-4 & 6-8. Funeral Services will be held at the Bethel Pentecostal Assembly on Thursday morning at 11 o'clock. Interment to follow. If so desired, donations to McMaster Children's Hospital would be appreciated by the family.

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COUTURE, Roger - It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Roger Couture at the Douglas Memorial Hospital, surrounded by his family, on December 14, 2012 at the age of 60. Beloved husband of 54 years to Aida Couture; cherished father of Ginette (Carole), Michel, Alain and Stephan (Kathy); loving grandpa of Michel, Jacob, Connor, Emily and Morgan; dear brother of Jeanne and Renée (Gaudreau), predeceased by his sister Jacqueline. Roger will be missed by his extended family and friends. The family expresses its appreciation to Dr. Claudius Che, Dr. Michaela Giesler and the staff of the staff of the Douglas Memorial Hospital for their exemplary and compassionate care. In keeping with Roger's wishes, private interment services will take place in the presence of his immediate family. A memorial service will be held at the home of Roger, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated.

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HARRINGTON, Anita - Peacefully surrounded by her family at the Greater Niagara General Hospital, Niagara Falls on Tuesday, December 18th, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Richard Harrington. Loving mother of the late David, (Patrick (Pat) Gardner) and Sharon Harrington. Loved grandmother of Michael and Thomas and great-grandmother of Nicholas. Husband and wife. Survived by her brothers-in-law Ted Porter, Jim (Barbara), Bill and Bob Harrington and sisters-in-law Barbara and Joy Harrington. Predeceased by her sister, Hazel Harrington, a son-in-law, and a Peter Porter. Also survived by several nieces, nephews and cousins. The family will receive their friends and relatives at the **HAMMOND-DAVIDSON FUNERAL HOME**, 21 Bloor Ave., Fort Erie, on Saturday, December 22nd at 11:00 a.m. Donations to a local food bank if so desired. On-line condolences to www.hammond-davidsonfuneralhome.com

HOLT, Lorraine - February 17, 1928 to December 13, 2012. - At her home on Thursday December 13, 2012, Lorraine Holt, beloved wife of the late James (2010), dear mother of Dr. Diane Holt (Jim) of St. Catharines, Karen (Bob) of St. Catharines, Gary (Mary DiFrancesco) St. Catharines, loving grandmother of Dr. Jason James Holt (Beth) Churcillville, NY, Shauna DiFrancesco, James Gary Holt. At Lorraine's request cremation has taken place and a Celebration of her life will be held at the Garrison Place on Saturday, December 22nd at 11:00 a.m. Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES**, 905-894-0120



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HAVILL, Marjorie Eileen (nee Gifford), Marjorie Eileen (nee Gifford) passed away on December 16 in her 90th year. She was born in 1922 in Fort Erie, the daughter of Lee and Ethel (Lind) Gifford. Lee, Stephen (Beach), Daryl (Joanne) and Dawn (Russell). She is survived by her sister Alice Weston, her cousin Buddy Kenny, 11 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her parents, Lee and Ethel, Susan McNamee, her sister Lois Keler and her grandson Christopher Edwards. Marjorie was extremely proud to be a veteran of the Royal Canadian Air Force, Womenn's Royal Canadian Air Force, and the Ridgeway Legion for 65 years. She retired from Fleet Displays and was a volunteer for the Spirit of Fleet both during and after her many years of employment. Marge was an avid card player at both the Fort Erie Legion and the Ridgeway Legion. At her request, cremation has taken place and the family would like to invite you to join them at the Ridgeway Legion on Saturday, December 22 for an informal gathering from 2 to 4pm. In lieu of flowers donations to the Ridgeway Legion Branch #20 would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES**, 905-894-0120.

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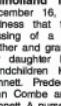
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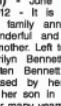
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pearl (emma muholand teal) - June 6, 1914 - December 16, 2012 - It is with great sadness that the family announce the passing of Marlene Bennett, beloved mother and grandmother. Left to mourn is her daughter Marilyn Bennett and her grandchildren Kristen Bennett and Jay Bennett. Predeceased by her husband John Combe and her son in law Russell Bennett. After many years at Sunset Haven, she is remembered as an empathetic, compassionate and caring person by those that were fortunate enough to know her. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 105 Bloor Ave., Fort Erie, entrusted with arrangements. If so desired, donations to the Leprosy Mission International www.leprosymission.org would be appreciated by the family.



MAY, Doris Lily (nee Woodward) - At Douglas Memorial Hospital on Monday, December 10, 2012, Doris, beloved wife of Eric Sidney. A talented and artistic individual, Doris had a life long legend in Linda Bulger (Korn) of Alberta, Betty Donahue (Larry) of Alberta, dear sister of the late Audrey Ross, Fawn (Harry), Grantley Thomas (Jeet), and Paul (Perry) ONY, dearest grandmother of 7 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren who all have their own special memories of mom & gramma. Lifetime residents of Fort Erie, they have spent the last 2 years residing in Garrison Place. Doris was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and a dear friend to many. Thomas Woodward and Lucy May Harland. Services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations to an organization of one's choice would be appreciated by the family.

OBRIEN, James - December 13, 1924 to December 17, 1987. - Caring, kind, gentle, a true friend to many. James was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle, and friend. He was a member of the St. John's Catholic Church, Garrison Place, and the Knights of Columbus. James was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Garrison Place. Arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES**, 905-894-0120

Special in Memoriams

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O'BRIEN
In loving memory of our parents James - November 20, 1977 and Gladys - December 17, 1987
Those we love never die,
For always they will be,
Loved, remembered, treasured,
Always in our memory.
With love and thanks,
Daughter Anne Marie & Family

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TUOMALA, Lois - Peacefully at Gilmore Lodge, Fort Erie on Thursday, December 20, 2012 in her 86th year. Beloved wife of the late Bert Tuomala. Loving mother of Jim, John and the late Judy Tuomala. Loved grandma of Michael Krawczyk. Dear aunt of Gladys (Wayne) Krawczyk, grandmother of Michael, Heather, Katie, (Daren) Matthew and great-grand-aunt of Jessica and Billy. Private family funeral services. Arrangements entrusted to the HAMMOND-DAVIDSON FUNERAL HOME, Fort Erie, Ontario. On line condolences at www.hammond-davidsonfuneralhome.com

WUJEK, Richard - Dick Wujek, beloved husband of Mildred passed away after his long and courageous struggle at the Douglas Memorial Hospital on Saturday December 15th. He was a proud father of Debbie Wujek and Lori Wujek. Cherished grandfather of Des (Michelle) Wujek. Sadly missed by his sister Pat (Tony) Lopez, mother in law Cecilia, brother in law Jack (Gloria) Lopez, and also in law (Ron) Davis. His many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Dick was an active community member, a proud member of the Stevensville Volunteer Fire Department, a recent volunteer as President of the Black Creek Community Association. Bemidji Funeral Services, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family would like to thank the staff at Tucson, room 8-84. A private Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Snyder on Wednesday morning at 11:30. Interment to follow in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

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Happy 77th Birthday
Christopher Gibbons

Nephew Ethan (age 6) said to his Nana, "I know why God wanted Uncle Chris to die on Christmas Eve. He wanted him to celebrate his birthday in a better place - in HEAVEN. Always remembered and loved."

Your Mom,
Mark and Anna, Ethan and Alexa

MARTIN, Stephen - In memory of our dear son, Stephen, who passed away December 23, 2000.

Those we love we never lose
For always they will be
Loved and always treasured,
Always in our memory

Lovingly remembered in our thoughts everyday, and our memories are forever, Mom and Dad

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To my beloved parents

Marylou and Murray McGregor
This is my first Christmas without you both. I will always miss you. My thoughts are with you both at Christmas and always. Merry Christmas, Love your son Skip

Grammie and Bumpie McGregor
My first Christmas without you. I miss you both and will always miss you very much. Merry Christmas, Love your granddaughter Trista

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In loving memory of my dear husband

Rick Allman

What would I give to hold his hand,
His voice to hear, his smile to see,
To hear his voice and see his smile,
That meant so much to me.
Missing you this Christmas and Always.
Love, Claudia



Rick Allman

March 12, 1932 - December 12, 2012
God took around His garden
and found an empty place,
He then looked down upon the earth
and saw your kind face.
He gathered you around
and lifted you to rest,
God's garden must be beautiful,
He always had a smile on his face.
Little did we know that morning
God called you home,
In life we loved you dearly,
in death we still love you.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you did not go alone,
For part of us went with you,
the day you left home.
We love you Dad,
You will always be with us.
Nicole, Jessica and Docley Allman

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STEVE ADAMEC

In loving memory of a dear Husband, Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather at Christmas. You were a wonderful man here, Full of laughter and cheer.
Now that you're gone we miss you so.
No thoughts or words on your behalf.
One was a smile, a laugh,
Eternal peace, just for you.

We will remember you more as the years go by.
Always in our hearts and in our memories.
Missing you very much.
With love, Steve, children Pauline (René), Jeannette (Bill) and Jim, Grandchildren Jennifer (Gabe), Kathleen, Michael, Daniel, and Matthew, Great Grandchildren Noah, Nicholas, Violet, Ella, Ryan, Layla, & Liam.

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Reflection

The Holidays allow each of us to reflect on the importance of friends and family.

To the many within our community that have entrusted us with funeral services, we sincerely thank you.

To everyone who has experienced a loss, it is our hope that during the holiday season you will find hope and strength.

Respectfully,
Darren Flagg

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Mary Larocque (DeRoche)

Born December 20th, 1942

Four years have passed since that sad day. When the ones we loved were taken away. God took my wife. It was her life.

But in our hearts she lives on still.

Thinking of you on this special day, Sadly missed by husband Jerry (Gilles), children Judy (Jim), Eric, John (Kalee), Gilles and Nicole (Scott), grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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Julia Inniss (Piorkowski)

In loving memory of my parents:

Frank (July 15, 2009)

And Flores (December 12, 1991)

And my brother Jim (February 23, 2011)

These we love remain with us
For love itself lives on,
And cherished memories never fade
These are the ones we love.

More than a thought apart,
For love itself lives on,
They will live on in the heart.

Remembered with love,

Cathy, Oscar and Jennifer Ettinger.



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